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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES AGENDA FOR HEARING ON THE IMPACT OF HURRICANES FIONA AND IAN ON COMMUNICATIONS

PS Docket Nos. 21-346 and 15-80; ET Docket No. 04-35

Washington D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today announces the panels and panelists for its November 17, 2022 hearing on the impact of Hurricanes Fiona and Ian on communications and the recovery effort. The hearing, which will explore lessons learned from the hurricanes, will focus largely on coordination between the communications and power sectors in response to these storms and inform Commission actions to promote the availability of critical communications services following disasters.

Disaster Communications Field Hearing

The field hearing will follow the Commission's November Open Commission Meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022. The Open Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. EDT, and the field hearing will start around 11:30 a.m. EDT.

Panel 1 – First Responders and Lessons Learned from on the Ground

Panel 1 will examine first-hand accounts from public safety stakeholders responding to disasters with the goal of exploring what works, what doesn't, and what lessons we can learn from their experiences.

Christina Dayries, Deputy Director/Chief of Staff
Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)

Josh Descant, Chief Executive Officer
REV

Paul Filla, Manager, Division of Government Communications Network (GCN)
Lee County Department of Public Safety

Edwin Narain, Assistant Vice President
AT&T / FirstNet External Affairs

Enrique Volckers-Nin, Deputy Secretary on Innovation, Information, Data, and Technology
(Secretario Auxiliar de Innovación, Información, Datos & Tecnología)
Puerto Rico Governor's Office

Panel 2 – Disaster Life Experience: Power and Communications Restoration

Panel 2 will examine opportunities to improve wireless resiliency through better coordination with the power sector as well as innovative ideas for mitigating disaster impacts on the communications sector.

Scott Aaronson, Senior Vice President of Security and Preparedness
Edison Electric Institute

Naji Khoury, Chief Executive Officer
Liberty Mobile

Arturo Massol-Deyá, Executive Director
Casa Pueblo

Angela Maria Nardolillo, Creative Director/Founder
Off-The-Grid Missions

Matthew Tuck, Senior Manager, Network Operations
Verizon Wireless

The event will be open to the public and streamed via live feed from the FCC's webpage at www.fcc.gov/live and on the FCC's YouTube channel. Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to share their perspectives on these topics in the form of written statements via filing with the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) in PS Docket No. 21-346 and 15-80 and ET Docket No. 04-35, either at www.fcc.gov/ecfs or by using the Commission's express comment filing portal at www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings/express. Written statements of the panelists and the recording of the hearing will be made part of the public record in these dockets.

Open captioning and an online ASL interpreter will be provided for the event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way for the FCC to contact the requester if more information is needed to fill the request. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to accommodate.

Additional information about participants and a video recording of the hearing will be updated and archived online at www.fcc.gov/hearing-impact-communications-hurricanes-fiona-and-ian.

Public Attendance – The hearing is scheduled to commence following the Open Meeting in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. While the Open Meeting and hearing are open to the public, the FCC headquarters building is not open access, and all guests must check in with and be screened by FCC security at the main entrance on L Street. Attendees at the Open Meeting and hearing will not be required to have an appointment but must otherwise comply with protocols outlined at: <https://www.fcc.gov/visit>.

Press Access – Members of the news media are welcome to attend and will be provided reserved seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Press may also direct questions to the Office of Media Relations (OMR): MediaRelations@fcc.gov. Questions about credentialing should be directed to OMR.

For additional information about the field hearing, please contact Rebecca Lockhart at Rebecca.Lockhart@fcc.gov.

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